

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An imaging head faces an imaging surface and is relatively moved along the scanning surface in a predetermined scanning direction. The imaging head includes an imaging element group and an alteration section. The imaging element group is structured by a plurality of imaging elements, which are arranged two-dimensionally in a plane substantially parallel to the imaging surface. The imaging element group generates a group of image pixels at the imaging surface in a two-dimensional arrangement which is inclined, as a whole, at a predetermined inclination angle with respect to the scanning direction. The alteration section alters a number of image pixels in a direction which is inclined from the scanning direction by the inclination angle, on the basis of a difference between the predetermined inclination angle of the imaging element group and an actual inclination angle of the image pixel group. In other words, if an actual inclination angle of an exposure area is offset from an ideal inclination angle, images are recorded with the number of pixels employed in a row direction having been altered in accordance with the actual inclination angle. Accordingly, variation of a pitch  $P$  can be suppressed to a certain range.